

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;
Nanci E. Langley, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton;
Tony Hammond; and
Robert G. Taub

Modification of Mail Classification
Schedule for International Priority
Airmail and International Surface Air
Lift Services

Docket No. MC2013-14

ORDER APPROVING MINOR CLASSIFICATION CHANGE

(Issued November 19, 2012)

On November 2, 2012, the Postal Service filed a notice pursuant to 39 CFR 3020.90 and 3020.91 concerning a minor classification change for competitive products International Priority Airmail (IPA) and International Surface Air Lift (ISAL).¹ The Commission finds that the classification changes are consistent with 39 CFR 3020.90 *et seq.*

Description of classification changes. The Postal Service proposes to amend competitive products IPA and ISAL by adding First-Class Package International Service (FCPIS) to both product descriptions. Notice at 1. Currently, IPA and ISAL are

¹ Notice of Minor Classification Change, November 2, 2012 (Notice).

described as “bulk international mailing services for mailing First-Class Mail International [(FCMI)] items” *Id.* Packages and rolls, which were previously included within FCMI, were recently transferred to a separate product, FCPIS, on the competitive product list.² The Postal Service asserts that by adding FCPIS to both the IPA and ISAL product descriptions, it will clarify that all shapes, including packages and rolls, are available for IPA and ISAL. *Id.*

Comments. Comments were filed by the Public Representative.³ No other comments were received. The Public Representative states that the classification changes will give effect to the recent transfer of packages and rolls to the separate FCPIS product and will permit the continued eligibility of packages and rolls for IPA and ISAL mailings. PR Comments at 2. The Public Representative concludes that the minor classification changes should be approved. *Id.*

Commission analysis. The proposed classification changes were filed pursuant to 39 CFR 3020.90 and 3020.91 applicable to changes initiated by the Postal Service to assure product descriptions in the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) accurately represent current product and service offerings of the Postal Service. Notices filed pursuant to rule 3020.90 *et seq.* are limited to changes in the MCS that are relatively minor in nature and that do not entail modifying either the market dominant or the competitive product list. If the changes satisfy these criteria, the Commission shall, subject to editorial corrections, revise the MCS to coincide with the effective date of the proposed changes. 39 CFR 3020.93.

The Commission, having reviewed the Postal Service filing and Public Representative’s comments, concludes that the proposed changes by the Postal Service should be approved. Incorporating these changes clarifies that packages and rolls will continue to be eligible for IPA and ISAL mailings.

² Docket No. MC2012-44, Order No. 1461, Order Approving Request for Product List Transfer, September 10, 2012.

³ Public Representative Comments on Postal Service Notice of Minor Classification Change Concerning International Priority Airmail and International Surface Airlift, November 19, 2012 (PR Comments).

Accordingly, the Commission accepts the changes specified in the Postal Service's Notice and shall make conforming revisions to the draft MCS.

It is ordered:

1. The proposed classification changes are consistent with 39 CFR 3020.90 *et seq.*
2. Conforming revisions will be made to the draft Mail Classification Schedule.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary